

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-20

INFO OCT-01 NEA-14 ISO-00 OC-06 CCO-00 RSC-01 DRC-01 SSO-00

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1579

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT PRIORITY

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STATE FOR S/S-EX

BEIRUT FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: COMMUNICATIONS TELEPHONE

REF: STATE 214691

### 1. INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

PRIORITY OVERRIDE AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 REFTEL WILL BE  
ARRANGED WITH LOCAL TELEPHONE AUTHORITIES.

### 2. FACILITIES

A. DAMASCUS DOES NOT HAVE TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND  
PAST SECSTATE VISITS HAVE SHOWN THAT HAVING SUCH A SYSTEM  
WOULD PROVIDE SMOOTHER OPERATIONS. ON ONE VISIT POST  
UTILIZED ANCIENT SWITCHBOARD AT SECRETARY'S OFFICE/SLEEPING  
QUARTERS WITH COMPLETELY UNSATISFACTORY RESULT. ON SUBSEQUENT  
VISITS POST USED CHANCERY PABX (MIX AND GENEST)  
PLACING EXTENSIONS IN DIFFERENT ROOMS AND OFFICES AS REQUIRED.  
THIS LATTER SYSTEM WORKED BUT IS NOT COMPLETELY RELIABLE.  
FOR THIS REASON DAMASCUS SHOULD RECEIVE HIGH PRIORITY  
FOR PORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM TOGETHER WITH TELEPHONE  
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TECHNICIAN AND CEO TO INSTALL AND INSURE PROPER OPERATION

PRIOR TO AND DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT.

B. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF PORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM WILL BE  
PROVIDED TO DAMASCUS. IF PORTABLE SYSTEM UNAVAILABLE  
POST WILL HAVE TO START LABRIOUS JOB OF COORDINATING  
WITH LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY STRINGING OF NECESSARY CABLES,  
OBTAINING INSTRUMENTS AND INSTALLING EXTENSIONS IN PROPER  
LOCATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.  
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